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SUBJ: CODEL MORGAN VISIT

1. CODEL MORGAN DEPARTED FOR ATHENS 0900 TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, AFTER COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL AND VERY USEFUL VISIT TO ANKARA. CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. WILSON LEFT FOR ISTANBUL PREVIOUS EVENING AND WILL REJOIN CODEL IN BELGRADE.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, CONGRESSMAN MORGAN, SUFFERING FROM A BROKEN SHOULDER, DID NOT ACCOMPANY CODEL ON ITS CAIRO-TEL AVIV-TEHRAN STOPS. INSTEAD, HE AND MRS. MORGAN REMAINED BEHIND IN NAPLES AND THEN FLEW TO ANKARA A DAY IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL OF CODEL. CONGRESSMAN MORGAN, HIS STAMINA WEAKENED BY PAINFUL INJURY HE HAD SUFFERED, DEVOTED HIS EXTRA DAY HERE ENTIRELY TO RESTING AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE. THE REMAINDER OF CODEL MORGAN (REF AND MRS. FOUNTAIN, REP AND MRS. BROOMFIELD, REP FINDLEY AND DAUGHTER, REP AND MRS. WINN, AND REP AND MRS. LAGOMARSINO) REACHED ANKARA FROM TEHRAN SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 1500, JANUARY 11, EXCEPT FOR REP AND MRS. WILSON WHO ARRIVED EVENING SAME DAY ON DIRECT FLIGHT FROM TEL AVIV.

3. CODEL ATTENDED COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THIS BRIEFING WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY A WELL-ATTENDED RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, AT WHICH CODEL MEMBERS HAD

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OPPORTUNITY TO MEET BROAD CROSS SECTION OF ANKARA CITIZENRY.

4. MONDAY, JANUARY 12, ALL CODEL MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT ATATURK MAUSOLEUM AND THEN PROCEEDED TO 0900 MEETING WITH SENIOR MEMBERS OF FOREIGN MINISTER (MINUS FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WAS STILL IN AFGHANISTAN). AT 1100 CODEL (MINUS CHAIRMAN MORGAN, WHO DROPPED OUT IN ORDER TO REST PRIOR TO LUNCHEON MEETING) ATTENDED A DISCUSSION SESSION AT THE PARLIAMENT WITH MEMBERS OF SENATE AND ASSEMBLY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES. AT 1230, CHAIRMAN MORGAN REJOINED CODEL FOR A PRIVATE PRE-LUNCHEON MEETING WITH PRIMIN DEMIREL. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PRIMIN DEMIREL WITH ALL HIS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS PRESENT PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN OFFICE. AFTER LUNCHEON, CONGRESSMAN MORGAN RETURNED TO EMBASSY RESIDENCE FOR ADDITIONAL REST AND DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY FURTHER ACTIVITIES.

5. REMAINDER OF GROUP VISITED HITTITE MUSEUM AND THEN HAD A 1600# MEETING WITH FORMER PRIMIN ECEIVT. AT 1700 CODEL CALLED ON PRESIDENT KORUTURK AND AT 2030 ATTENDED A LARGE DINNER GIVEN IN THEIR HONOR AT THE PARLIAMENT. DINNER HOSTED BY DEPUTY PRIMIN FEYZIOGLU BUT ATTENDED UNEXPECTEDLY BY FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM AFGHANISTAN TRIP.

6. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER THAT THE VISIT WAS VERY USEFUL, BOTH FROM US AND TURKISH VIEWPOINTS. MEMBERS OF CODEL, IN MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, POLITELY BUT FIRMLY STRESSED NEED FOR FORWARD MOTION BY TURKS BOTH IN CYPRUS SITUATION AND IN US-TURKISH BILATERAL SECURITY NEGOTIATIONS. ON OTHER HAND, VARIETY OF TURK SPOKESMEN WERE COLLECTIVELY ABLE TO CONVEY AMALGAM OF FRIENDSHIP, GOOD WILL, FRUSTRATION, DISAPPOINTMENT, BITTERNESS AND ANGER THEY FEEL IN WAKE OF PAST YEAR'S CONGRESSIONAL DECISIONS.

7. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES EFFECTIVE ARTICULATE SUPPORT OF US OBJECTIVES THAT ALL MEMBERS OF CODEL PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THEIR VISIT HERE. WE ARE GRATEFUL THEY CAME AND FEEL ESPECIALLY INDEBTED TO CHAIRMAN MORGAN FOR MAKING THE TRIP TO ANKARA DESPITE THE SERIOUS PHYSICAL INCONVENIENCE THIS INVOLVED. WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT ON HIS LEAVING ANKARA, HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION SEEMED NOTICEABLE STRENGTHENED OVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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